



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuei YOSHIOKA et al.

Application No.: 10/829,277

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Examiner: D. H. Bollinger

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006, the period for response being extended to April 5, 2007, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1 and 5-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 2-4 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 5 and 7-10 are amended.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-9 as well as the Examiner's allowance of claims 11-14. The claims are amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

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III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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(There are no amendments to the specification)